

# Marine Geoscience

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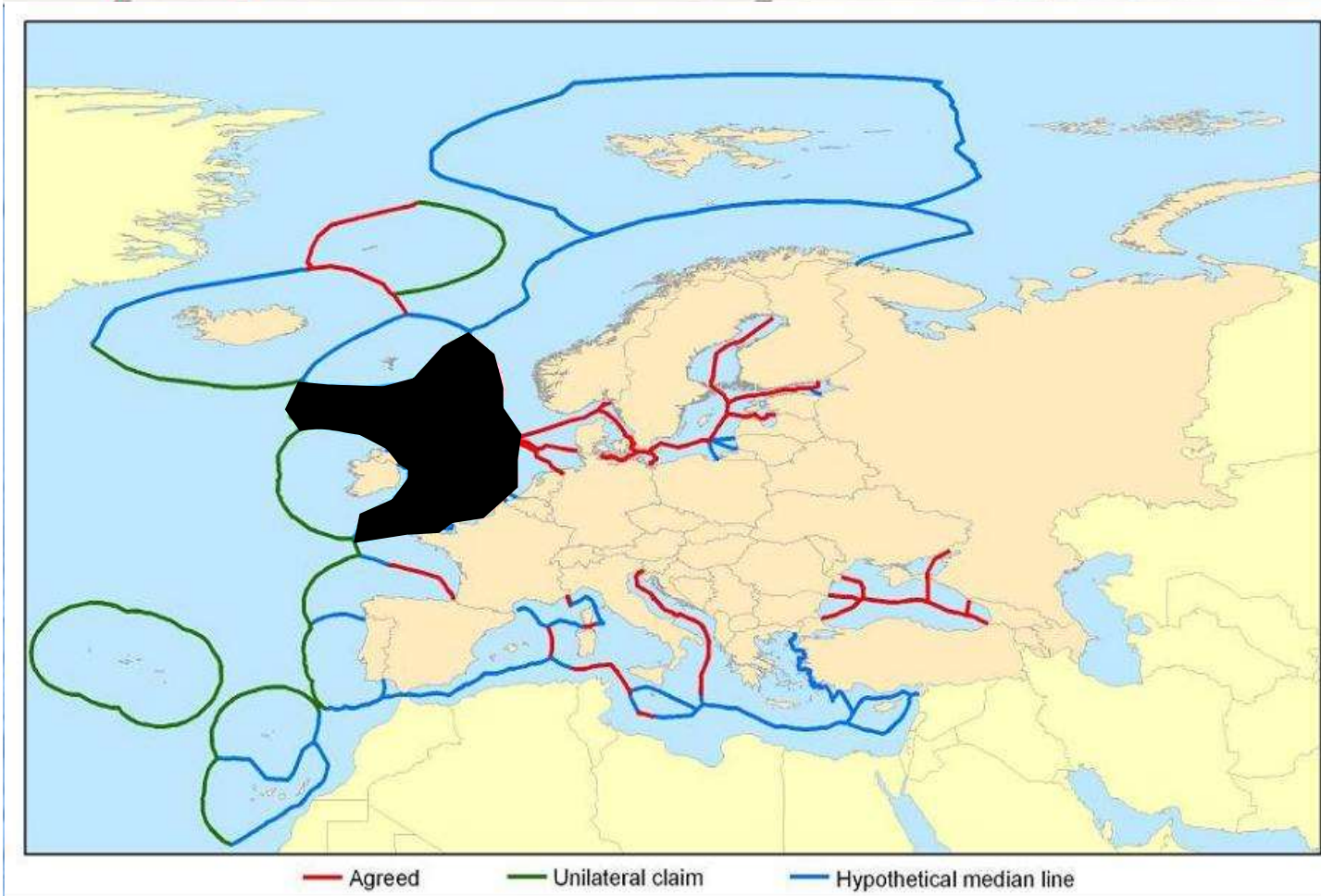
## Marine & Coastal Observation Platform for Offshore E&P Activities

### MarObs Platform



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# iCRAG Marine Observation Platform



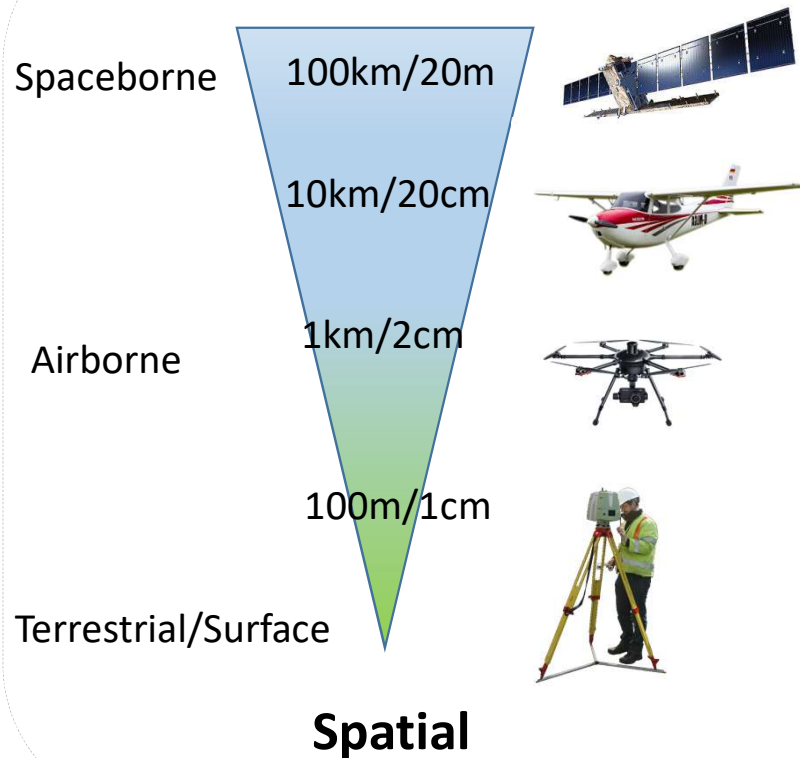
## Why a Marine Observation Platform

- 88m ha Marine Territory
- 3,000km Coastline
- Offshore Exploration & Production
- Natural Marine Resources
- Dynamic Coastal Processes
- Climate Change
- <sup>1</sup>EU Maritime Spatial Planning
- Support Risk-Reduction, Resource-Allocation & Optimisation

<sup>1</sup>EU Directive <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32014L0089>

# Geospatial Information Requirements : Spatial, Thematic & Temporal Attributes

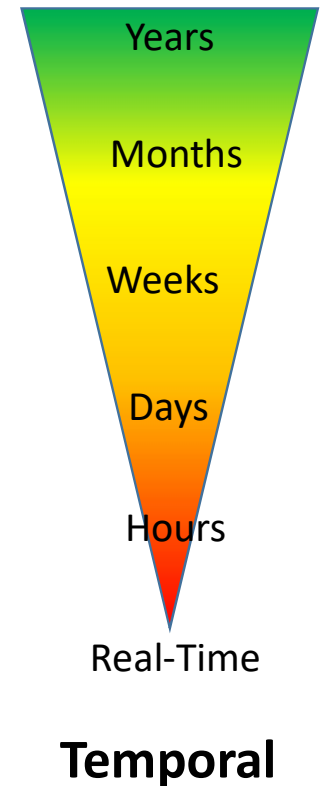
## Coverage & Resolution



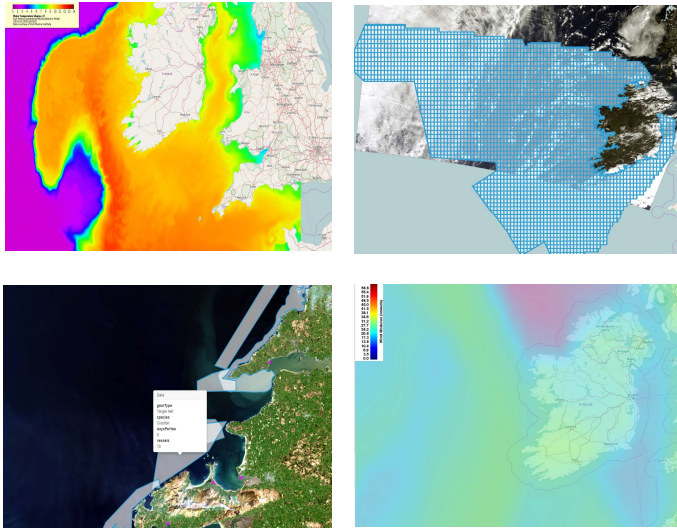
## Optical, Geometric & Structural



## Timeliness



# MarObs Platform (<http://marobs.eu/>)

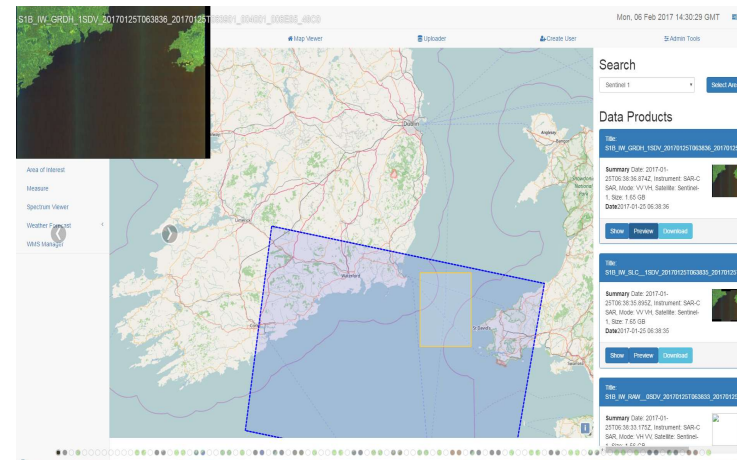


Data Discovery: Platform incorporates wide selection of data; Remote Sensing, E&P, infrastructure, environmental & meteorological data.

Prototype Services & Toolsets : Slick Feature Mapping, Coastal Zone monitoring, Marine Emergency Response

MarObs Architecture: Scalable, Cloud-based platform incorporating; Open Data and collaborative environment to develop algorithms, toolsets and workflows based around **Open Standards & Open Source** modules

Project Collaboration: Project configuration, user-management, prototype development



Researcher: Daire Walsh (PhD candidate, MU)

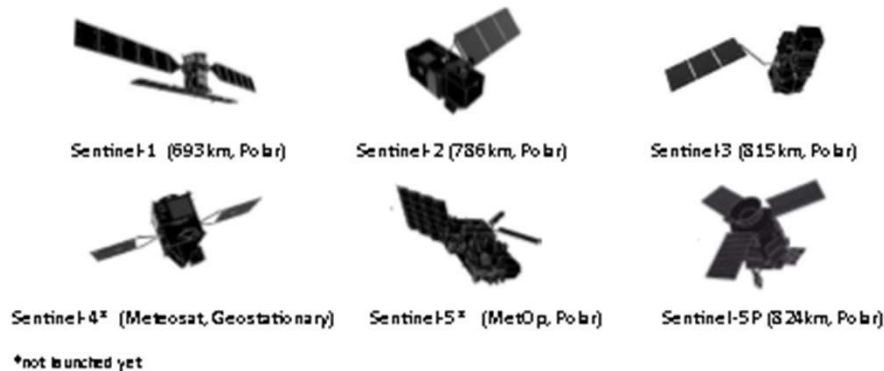


# Copernicus for E&P



Copernicus is a European Union Programme aimed at developing European information services based on satellite Earth Observation (EO) and in situ (non-space) data. More Information : <http://www.copernicus.eu/>  
**EO Data & information is freely available**

Sentinel Satellite	Details
Sentinel-1	Satellites (S1A & S1B) now operational. All weather day/night synthetic aperture radar (SAR) for land and ocean services, 3 day revisit possible. Strip map (80km swath 5m resolution), Interferometric Wide (250km swath, 5m*20m), Extra Wide (400km 20m*40m)
Sentinel-2	Satellites (S2A & S2B) now operational, multispectral data for land, soil, water and coastal applications, 3 day revisit possible. 13 spectral bands (10m to 60m)
Sentinel-3	Satellite S3A launched. Optical, Radar and altimetry data for marine and land services, 2 to 3 days revisit possible, 21 spectral bands (300m)
Sentinel-5P	Satellite S5P launched. Monitoring of tropospheric pollutants and GHGs
Sentinel-4	To be launched. Atmospheric composition monitoring
Sentinel-5	To be launched. Atmospheric composition monitoring
Sentinel-6	To be launched. High accuracy altimetry for sea-surface height measurement



# Copernicus Open Data Access hub & Information Services

## Copernicus Open Access Data-hubs

Copernicus satellite image data can be accessed directly through portals such as Copernicus's Open Access hub (<https://scihub.copernicus.eu/>) which facilitates access to Sentinel-1, Sentinel-2 & Sentinel-3 data.

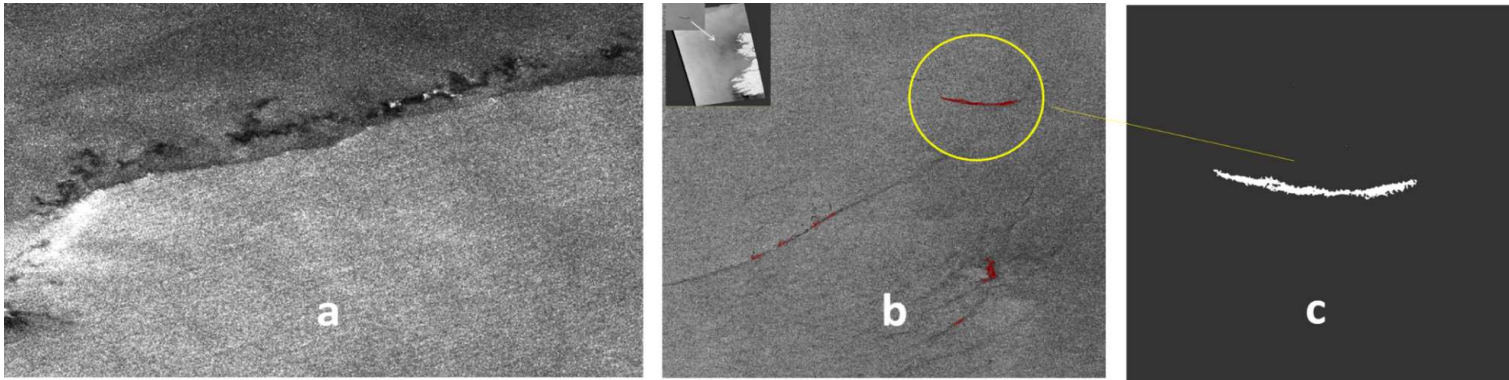


The European Commission (EC) has launched an initiative to develop Copernicus **Data and Information Access Services (DIAS)** that will facilitate access to Copernicus data and information from the Copernicus services. Various European Member States are also active in developing their own **National EO hubs**.

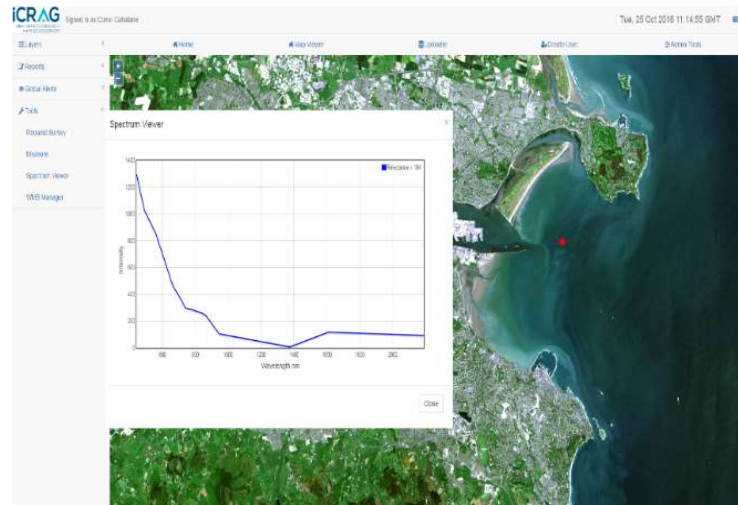
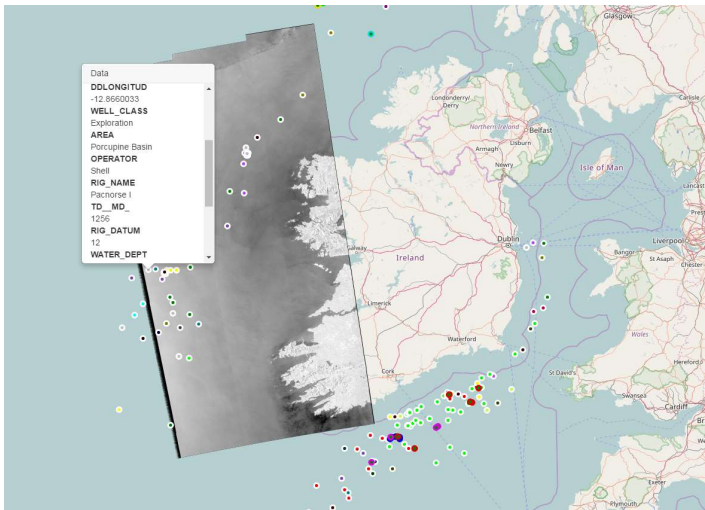
## Copernicus Information Services

Copernicus provides value added information outputs through six thematic services; **Land, Marine, Atmosphere, Emergency, Climate and Security**. These services are generally accessible by all except for those services that may be restricted for example, security sensitive applications.

# Slick Feature Mapping



Locate and measure extents of slick using SAR (Sentinel-1)



Research: Detect and categorise slick offshore Ireland using Spaceborne/Airborne Optical/non-Optical data

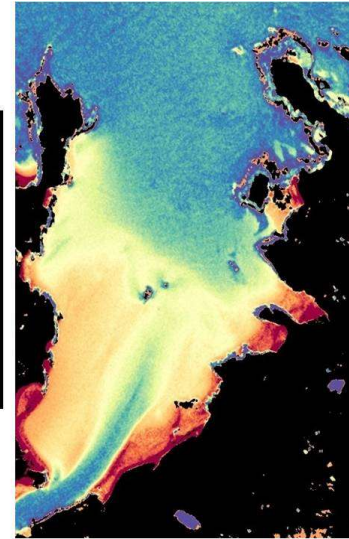
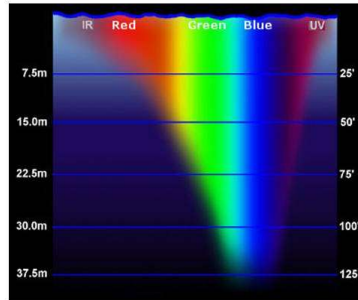
End-Users: Offshore Hydrocarbon Industry, Coast Guard, Harbour Agencies, Environmental Regulatory Agencies

Researcher: Dr Conor Cahalane, MU



# Satellite Derived Bathymetry

Mapping near-shore bathymetry using optical non-contact satellite measurements



Research: Developing combined Remote Sensing and Geo-statistical methodologies for near-shore bathymetric mapping close to Ireland's coastline

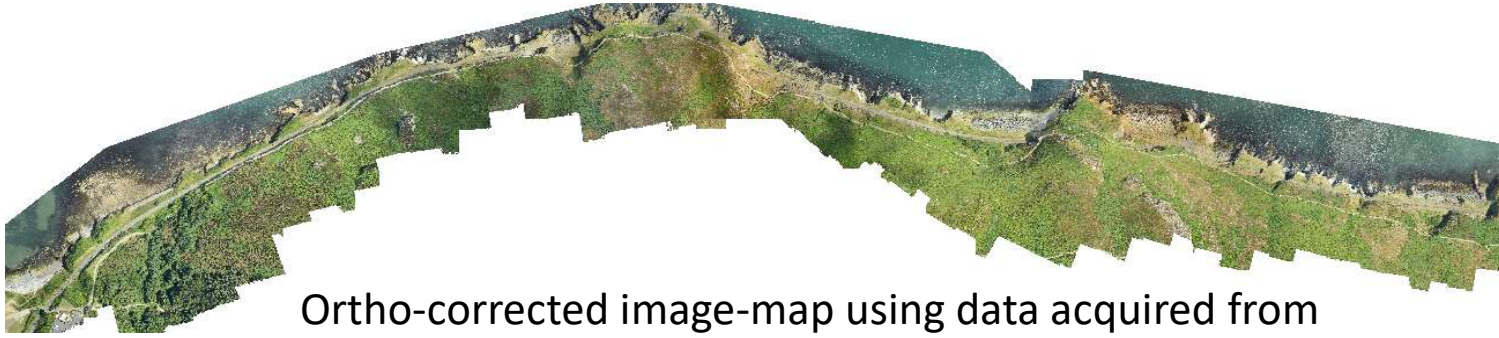
End-Users: Offshore Hydrocarbon Industry, Harbour Agencies, National maritime mapping organisations



Researchers: Dr Gema Casal and Dr Conor Cahalane, MU



# Coastal Erosion



Ortho-corrected image-map using data acquired from airborne/drone platforms (Bray – Greystones)

Research: Develop data fusion techniques for coastal monitoring around Ireland based on RGB, Multispectral & Hyperspectral sensor data

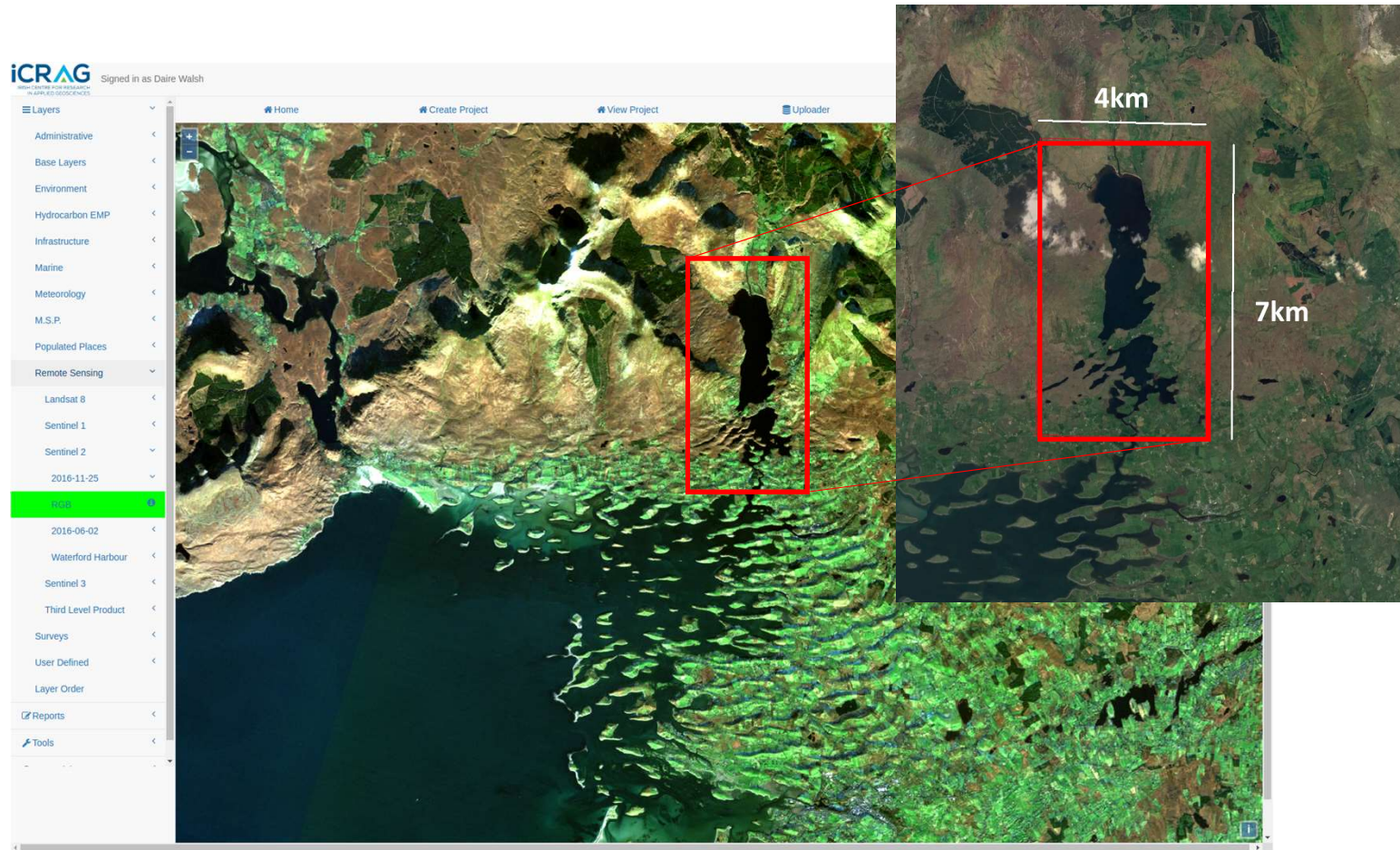
Photogrammetric derived point cloud providing elevation (2.5D RGB values)



End-Users: Offshore Hydrocarbon Industry, Marine Mapping Organisations, Local Authority, Infrastructure Agencies

Researcher: Aidan Magee (PhD Candidate, MU)

# Burrishoole



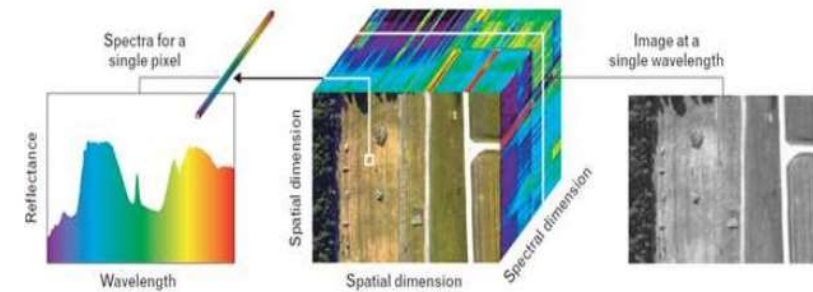
Research: Monitoring and mapping inter-dependent physical, biological and chemical processes within a coastal catchment

End-Users: Hydrocarbon Industry, Regulatory Agencies, Local Authority, Environmental Monitoring Industry

Researcher: DCU, DKIT, & UCC



# Coastal Vegetation Mapping & Hyperspectral Sensors



## Bayspec Hyperspectral OCI-F

Mode : Push Broom

Spectral Range : 400nm – 950nm

Spectral Bands : upto 110



Researcher: Tom Rossiter, PhD Candidate NUIG



# Maritime Spatial Planning



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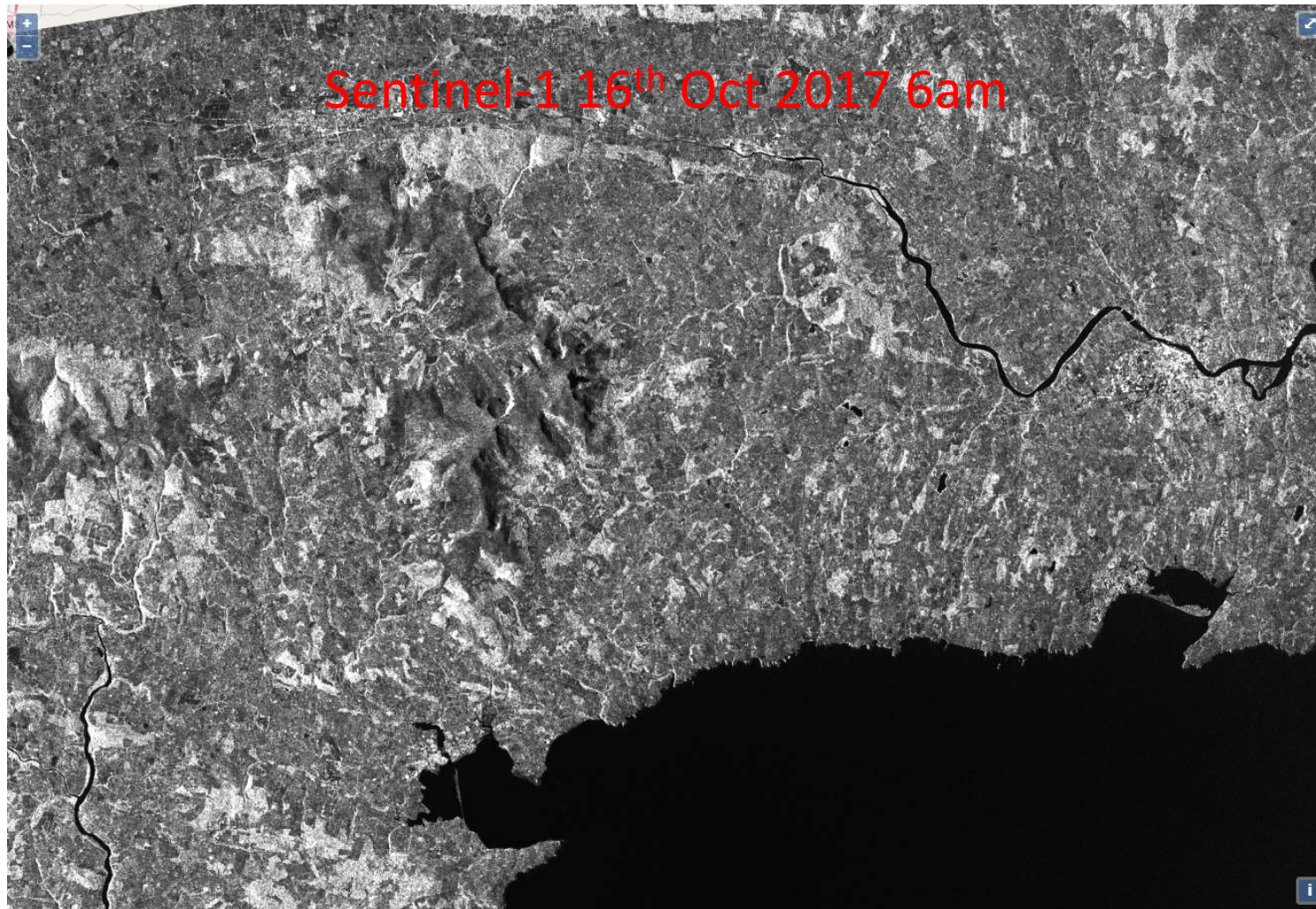
Multi-temporal 10m Sentinel 2 (May 2016 – March 2017)

Research: Multi-temporal, multi-platform data for high value Marine-port, harbour and installation monitoring

End-Users: Offshore Hydrocarbon Industry, Harbour Agencies, Local Authority, Infrastructure Managers

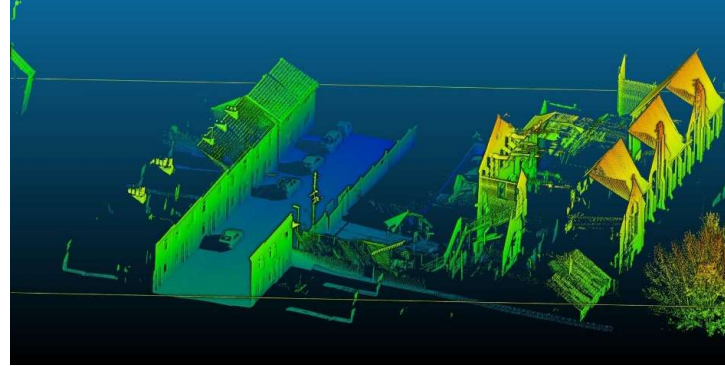
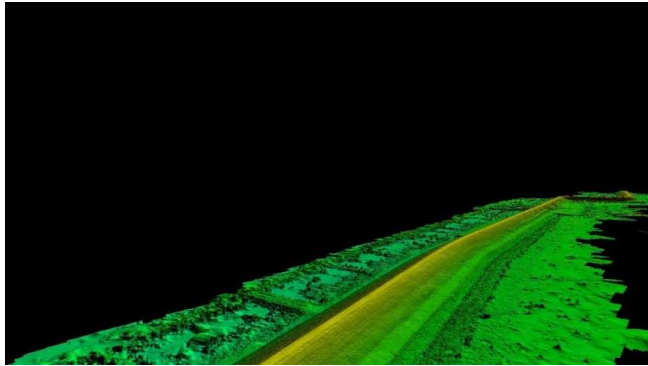


# Sentinel-1 ex-Hurricane Ophelia 16<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

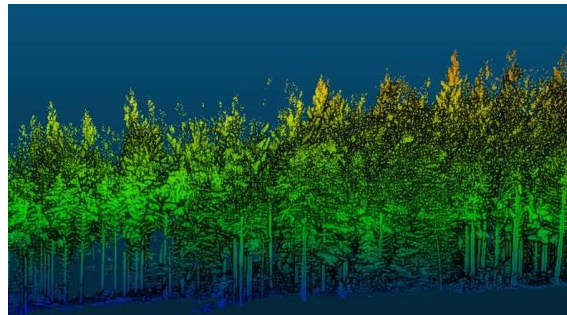
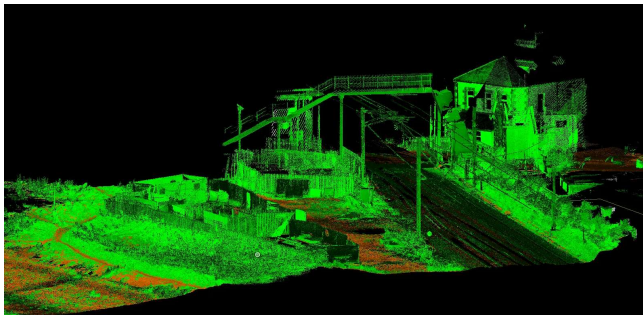


Location Map

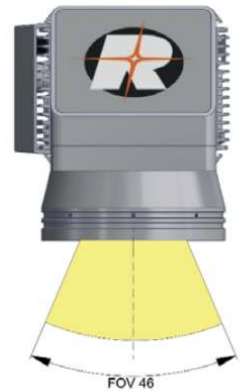
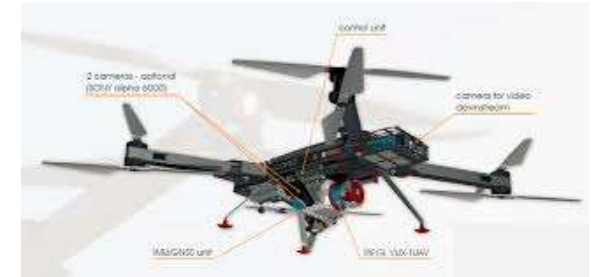
# Airborne/Drone LiDAR Systems (Riegl Vux)



LiDAR Point Cloud



Additional Drone LiDAR Sensors : Velodyne, YellowScan



## Riegl MinVux-1DL

- Compact : 2.4Kg
- Field of View: 46°
- Acq Rate : 100kHz
- Scan Spd: 150 Hz
- Upto 120m Range



# MarineWatch Demonstrator

## End-Use Case #1 : Irish Coast Guard

- handle 2,500 marine emergencies, assist 4,500 people and save 200 lives
- task Coast Guard helicopters on missions around 800 times (40 times to assist mountain rescues and 150 times to carry out aeromedical HEMS missions on behalf of the HSE)
- Coast Guard volunteer units will respond 1000 times and RNLI and community lifeboats will be tasked by our Coordination Centres about 950 times;
- investigate approximately 50 maritime pollution reports



# MarineWatch Demonstrator

## Operation

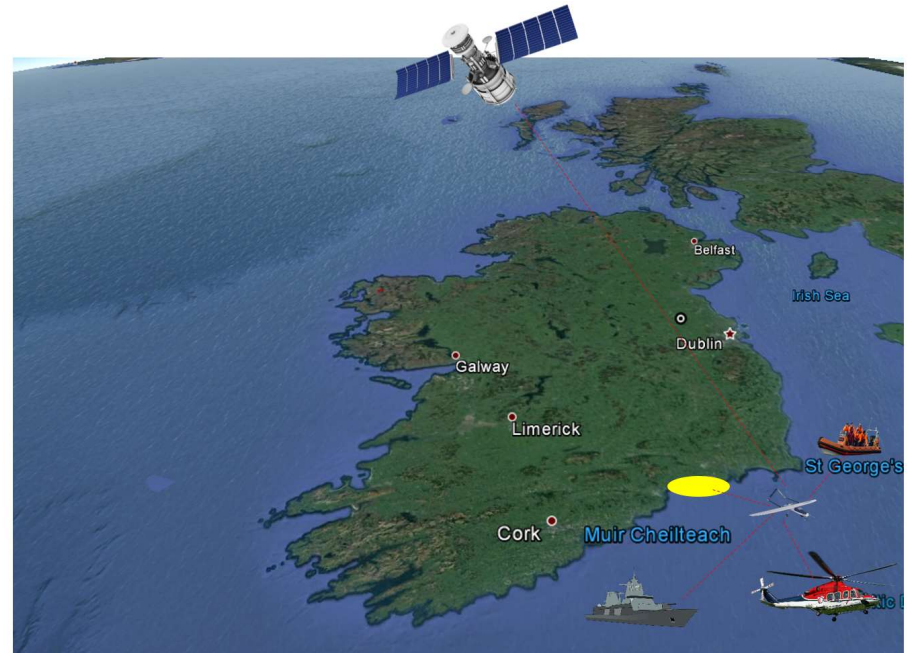
- Platform, Payload, Performance
- Safety, Regulatory, Compliance, Security
- Connectivity (Downlinks, Telemetry, C2)
- Reliability & Complexity
- Integrated Multi-agency response

## R&D Topics

- Maritime Surveillance (Spaceborne/Drone/InSitu)
- Multi-platform Sensor Fusion
- Optimised Search & Tracking
- Collaborative Operation
- Water sampling for pollution monitoring

## Business Case

- Risk Reduction, Better Information, Improved Decision making
- Automation of manual tasks, More cost effective, Reduce risk & exposure to staff
- Improved overall outcomes: Risk-reduction - Reduced injuries/fatalities per event





# MarineWatch Demonstrator

Phase-1, Minehead Light-house 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017

## Temporary Restricted Area (TRA)



## Minehead Lighthouse)



## Minehead Lighthouse)

Ground elevation 61m, Tower height 21m

